

A. B. C. CLUB OPENS ROOMS

Splendid Entertainment Given by Eddie Madigan and Other Versatile Amateurs.

The formal opening of the new club rooms of the A. B. C. club, at 980 Main street, was held last evening, a jolly crowd gathering to observe the occasion. Each of the 50 members of the organization was allowed to invite one guest, but some of the members overstepped that limit, there being in all about 150 to make merry. Besides the usual order of a vaudeville bill was carried out for the evening, which was decided hit. The members of the club, all of whom are talented in some way, or others, were helped out later in the evening by a visit from a number of the male artists on the bill at Polli's this week.

The boys are proud of their new rooms. In all there are five spacious rooms, one of which is devoted to pool. The others are subdivided into a reception, dining, grill and meeting room. In the reception room a fine grand piano has been installed. The boys have displayed no little taste in the decoration of the new quarters, especially in the selection of the wall paper. The white walls are a good background for dark red paper in three of the rooms and dark green in the other two. The A. B. C. club was organized in 1905 and till last summer had spacious quarters in the Lincoln Building. Their officers now are: President, Walter Snider, treasurer, James Keegan, financial secretary, Peter Poland, recording secretary, Joseph Finn and sergeant at arms, Roy Beach.

The entertainment included tenor selections by Alot J. Harrill of Milford, James Keegan, George Greenup, George Ely, Walter Moss, James Mahoney, Fred Bonham of Milford, Chas. Osterberg and Al Griffin. George McCormick entertained with the Yama Yama Man, while Eddie Madigan, Bridgeport's real version of George M. Cohan, was there with the goods. Fred Mooney and Charles Dickinson, both of whom have appeared on a number of stages, gave monologues. Lester Burdick and Joe Barry, booked as the North Pole squatters, Cook and Penry, gave an exhibition of footwork with a few gum drops, in the way of songs on the side. The A. B. C. Quartette composed of James Keegan, George Ely, James Mahoney and Fred Bonham also did their little share to make the house warming a success. The committee which had charge of the success were Ed Lewis, Ward Coley, Ted Sterling, Charles Osterberg, Harry Freedman and Lou Moss. The club is making arrangements for a pool tournament in which the A. B. C. Criterion, Equus and Lotus clubs, all the more popular younger organizations of the city will compete.

Woman's Narrow Escape, Pitched from Auto

Mrs. Charles E. Longden of Whitteville, New Haven, had a narrow escape from serious injury last Wednesday afternoon in an automobile accident. Mrs. Longden, who was formerly superintendent of the Seamen's Rubber Co., and who had just returned from New York city with a new automobile which they had purchased, when the accident occurred. In rounding a sharp turn in a road known as Beard's corner, the rear wheel skidded down a slight decline and the car overturned. Mrs. Longden was pitched over a barbed wire fence, barely dodging three poles, and struck in a field. Mr. Longden clung to the steering gear and was not thrown out. A large crowd soon collected and it was feared that Mrs. Longden was seriously hurt. She was not injured at all, however, and came to New Haven, spending the night with friends. How she avoided contact with one of the poles is regarded as almost marvelous. The machine was left in the ditch all night and yesterday was towed to New Haven.

Fascinating Billie Burke Falls Victim to Cupid

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—The fascinating Billie Burke, the actress, who is said to have triumphed on the hearts of more men in her few years than the average woman accomplishes in a lifetime, has fallen a victim to Cupid. This latest "funny" concerning this beautiful actress, has it that her suitor is a University of California freshman, Lee Burdett Westcott, who is just old enough to vote. The romance is said to have had its inception when the actress was playing at the Macdonough theatre a few weeks ago.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind-You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Missionary Society Holds Celebration

The Woman's Missionary Society of the German Baptist church celebrated its 25th anniversary last evening in the auditorium of the church. Visitors were present from New Haven. The Rev. John Huber of Danbury was one of the principal speakers. The society is in a very prosperous condition financially and numerically. Refreshments were served in the basement of the church after the business meeting. Mrs. William Ritzman, wife of the pastor, is president of the society, and extended the welcome. An address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Ritzman. The following ladies were entertained: Mrs. Caroline Will, Mrs. Steinhoff, Mrs. Minberg, Mrs. Wenzel, Mrs. von Trechow, Mrs. Mathias von Weghe, and Mrs. Othella Mosner.

STATE KINDERGARTEN MEET IN HARTFORD TOMORROW

The Connecticut Valley Kindergarten Association will hold its twenty-seventh annual meeting in Hartford tomorrow at the Henry Barnard school in High street. At the morning session Edward P. St. John of the School of religious pedagogy, Hartford, will speak on the subject, "A Walk in the Fields and Woods." The annual election of officers will follow. In the afternoon an address will be made by Julius C. Knowlton, supervising principal of the Winchester district, New Haven, on the "Kindergarten and the Grades."

ULCERATED TOOTH KILLS NEW LONDON MERCHANT

New London, Nov. 5.—George R. Gray, proprietor of a market and grocery on Broad street, died yesterday from septicemia, which resulted from an ulcerated tooth. The tooth began to bother him a few days ago and he afterwards contracted a severe cold. He was a native of Chaplin, this state, and 41 years of age. A widow and seven children survive him.

Not What He Expected.

A doctor in a Yorkshire village lately gave up his house and was succeeded in it by a veterinary surgeon. Before he had been many weeks in his new home the "vet" was awakened in the early hours of a rather bleak spring morning. Opening the window, he heard a voice call out of the darkness: "Can you come with me at once, mister? She's very bad."

The surgeon dressed and found a trap waiting to take him to a farm two or three miles away from the village. On the way he asked a few questions about the case he was to attend.

"I'm afraid there's very little hope for her," said the farmer. "She's been alling now, you see, for ten years, and she's getting pretty old as well."

Annoyed at being called out at such an hour to see an obviously not very valuable animal, the veterinary surgeon exclaimed, "Why on earth don't you shoot her?"

"What?" exclaimed the farmer. "Shoot my mother?"

Then the "vet" understood that it was the previous tenant who was wanted.

—London Tit-Bits.

Work Day on a Mississippi Plantation.

The day begins on a plantation when it is yet night. The big bell rings between 4 and 5 o'clock for the "hands" to go to the fields. Mammy starts her small sable assistants around at the "big house" with early coffee about 6. Without this tiny cup of cafe noir your true creole gets up on the wrong side of the bed. He has no appetite for breakfast after a ride through the fields and still less for his generous noonday dinner. Supper is served at night, and the dishes are typically southern—the corn and butter breads, fried chickens and waffles and fig preserves, with "sillabub," that modern-beam mixture that makes modern creoles and confections heavy by comparison for dessert. Life on a plantation is not dull. There are visits to town and a constant stream of visitors from town. There are "sugar house" parties and hog killings, Christmas doings and Thanksgiving dinners, to say nothing of house parties and hunts.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The Herring.

A peculiar feature in the herring trade is that an exceptionally large catch during one season has no effect whatever upon the next year's supply; also, large as is man's consumption of herrings, naturalists say the number killed by fishermen is quite insignificant as compared with the quantity destroyed every year by sharks, porpoises, cod, dogfish, ling and other fish, each of which must have its daily meal of from one to two score herrings, to say nothing of the sea birds, which practically live on surface feeding fishes. Herrings are not at all a modern article of diet. A vast commerce in them was carried on in northern Europe all through the dark and middle ages. The herring's chief food consists of minute organisms, which it strains from the water by its gills, but it also eats worms and at certain seasons its own young, sprats and sand eels.—Pearson's Weekly.

Rule of the Corset.

If Cleopatra wore corsets she may rank as a royal champion of them with Catherine de' Medici, who is credited with having introduced the busked corset in France from Italy. Male monarchs have been less friendly. Joseph II. of Austria tried to discourage the corset by making it part of the costume of a convicted woman of bad character. Napoleon, shaking his head over the tight lacing of his day, told Dr. Corvisart that he saw in it a sign of frivolous tastes and a menace of coming decadence. The restoration kings, Louis XVIII. and Charles X., were equally hostile. Formerly, said the latter, France had been full of Venuses, Dianas and Niobes, but now there were only wasps. The revolution alone temporarily put down the garment that has triumphantly defied kings.—London Spectator.

Got Too Familiar.

A story told of Justice Brewer concerns a trip he made to his old home in Kansas, accompanied by Mrs. Brewer. In Washington a justice of the supreme court is spoken of as "Mr. Justice," and that is the title Mrs. Brewer always has heard. When they reached Chicago, however, the "Mr." was dropped and the jurist was referred to as "Justice Brewer." At Omaha some old friends called him "David J." and when they crossed the Kansas line some former neighbors referred to him as "David." "Let's go home," suggested Mrs. Brewer. "Why?" asked the justice. "Because, dear," Mrs. Brewer replied, "I'm afraid if we go any farther they will be calling you 'Davie.'"

Cure For Disconsolate Lovers.

Somebody has dug out of an old book of the time of Queen Elizabeth the following advice to a slighted and despondent lover: Tie one end of a rope right over a beam and make a slippe noose at the other extreme. Just under the beam let a bucket be set. On it let the lover most manfully get. Right over his head he left the bucket be got. And under his care well fastened the knot. The bucket kicked clear, let him take a full swing and leave all the rest of the work to the string!

Trusting the Dog's Judgment.

Friend—What on earth are you doing to that painting of yours? Dauber—Can't you see? I'm rubbing a piece of raw meat over the rabbit in the foreground. Mrs. Alshodde will be here today, and when she sees her pet dog smell of that rabbit she'll buy it.—Judge.

A Witty Widow.

A widow of the name of Rugg, having taken Sir Charles Price for her second husband, was asked by a friend how she liked the change. "Oh," she replied, "I parted with my old Rugg for a good price."

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Turkeys, Broilers and Fowl, Celery, Lettuce, Cauliflower, Cucumbers, Cranberries, Green and Wax Beans, etc. Low prices on Vegetables.

252 STATE STREET.

MERIDEN MAN ATTESTED FOR FELONIOUS ASSAULT

Meriden, Nov. 5.—William Camp, a young man formerly a resident of this city is under arrest at Westbrook, according to word received here, the detention taking place at the request of the authorities of Meriden. Camp is charged with having committed a felonious assault upon Julia Malon, a child in this city, last August.

CARRIED BY DERRICK AND FELL TO DEATH

Portland, Nov. 5.—John Caeza, a Polish young man, twenty-four years old, was almost instantly killed yesterday while helping to unload a barge here. He had ridden up from the hold of the vessel on the derrick load intending to get off on reaching the deck. For some reason he did not do so but was carried between fifty and sixty feet up in the air. At that

height he lost his hold and fell to the deck, fracturing his skull. He lived about five minutes. Caeza was married about a month ago and lived in Middletown.

POINTS OF INTEREST.

Saturday as usual will be bargain day at E. H. Dillon & Co., 1105 Main street. Great price reduction in seasonable millinery, military capes, cloth tailored suits, cloth dresses, long coats. Pony skin coats, caracul cloth coats, shirt waists, petticoats, sweaters, separate skirts and silk rubberized raincoats.

Saturday Specials. Meat specials—Roast pork, Legs of fancy mutton, legs of genuine lamb, legs of veal (milk fed), loins and rumps of veal, forequarters of veal, shoulder, roasts, veal, stewing veal, rib roasts, beef, chuck rib, stewing beef, pot roasts

beef. Poultry specials—stewing fowls, choice fowls, roasting chickens, native broilers. We have a lot of choice turkeys, Long Island ducks, fancy native roasting chickens, squab and Guinea hens, Grocery specials—prunes, peaches, cornstarch, head rice, rolled oats, matches 20th century, grape nuts, post toasters, postum cereal large package. Vegetables—potatoes, Vermont, yellow onions, yellow turnips, native spinach, native kale, celery, celery (stalk), cranberries, lettuce, cabbage, (large). A large assortment of bakery goods. Special for Saturday, Apple cake. Everything seasonable in sea food, live lobsters, oysters, clams and scallops. Bridgeport Public Market and Branch, Public Market building, State and Bank streets, East Main Street.

The flour mills of Minneapolis grind into flour an average of 120,000,000 bushels of wheat a year.